

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 379 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Amend Veterinary Practice Act/Fees.

SPONSOR(S): Representative Langdon

FISCAL IMPACT					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No Estimate Available		
	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Impact					
General Fund Revenues:	to	to	to	to	to
General Fund Expenditures:	to	to	to	to	to
State Positions:	to	to	to	to	to
NET STATE IMPACT	\$0 to \$0	\$0 to \$0	\$0 to \$0	\$0 to \$0	\$0 to \$0
Local Impact					
Revenues:	29,200 to 29,200	29,200 to 173,943	29,200 to 340,396	29,200 to 531,818	29,200 to 751,954
Expenditures:	to	to	to	to	to
NET LOCAL IMPACT	\$29,200 to \$29,200	\$29,200 to \$173,943	\$29,200 to \$340,396	\$29,200 to \$531,818	\$29,200 to \$751,954
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board					
EFFECTIVE DATE: This act becomes effective October 1, 2014.					
TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None					

BILL SUMMARY:

H379 Amends GS 90-186 (Special powers of the Board), providing that the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board (Board) may increase fees as long as no fee is increased more than 15 percent within a calendar year and the cumulative total increases of any fee does not exceed 100 percent of the fee amounts set in this subdivision.

It provides for set fees on all the different certifications, licenses, and examinations; fees are set at the highest rate previously allowed (previously, there was a sliding scale with only a ceiling price set), with the inspection of a veterinary practice facility being raised to \$125 (\$75 was the highest that could be charged before). The bill deletes the provision for charging for copies of Board materials.

H379 amends GS 90-187.9 (Reinstatement), deleting language of old section and creating a new GS 90-187.9(a-d), that sets forth provisions to renew one's license.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

H379 changes the language regarding the fees collected by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. The language changes the current fees from their “up to” amount to a set amount. The table below (Table 1) lists those fees that would be changed, comparing current fees to the proposed fees.

Table 1

Fee explanation	Current	H379
Issuance or renewal of a certificate of registration for a professional corporation	up to \$150.00	\$150.00
Administering a NC license examination for applicants for licensure, certification, and registration	up to \$250.00	\$250.00
Administering competency examinations for applicants seeking licensure or registration	set by board	set by board
Inspection of a veterinary practice facility	up to \$75.00	\$125.00
Issuance or renewal of a license or a limited license	up to \$150.00	\$150.00
Issuance or renewal of a veterinary faculty certificate	up to \$150.00	\$150.00
Issuance or renewal of a zoo veterinary certificate	up to \$150.00	\$150.00
Reinstatement of a revoked license, a limited license, a veterinary faculty certificate, a zoo veterinary certificate, a veterinary technician registration, or a professional corporation registration	up to \$100.00	\$100.00
Issuance or renewal of a veterinary technician registration	up to \$50.00	\$50.00
Issuance of a veterinary student intern registration	up to \$25.00	\$25.00
Issuance of a veterinary student preceptee registration	up to \$25.00	\$25.00
Late fee for renewal of a license, a limited license, a veterinary technician registration, a veterinary faculty certificate, a zoo veterinary certificate, or a professional corporation registration	up to \$50.00	\$50.00
Issuance of a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine	up to \$150.00	\$150.00

The only fee changed to exceed the current maximum increases the inspection of a veterinary practice facility fee from \$75.00 to \$125.00. The Board estimates approximately 584 inspections take place yearly, yielding an increase of \$29,200.

Also, the bill allows the Board to increase all set fees, provided that no fee shall be increased more than 15% within a calendar year and that the cumulative total increases of any fee shall not exceed 100% of the listed fee amounts. Table 2 shows the impact of the maximum 15% yearly fee increase on the fee amount. Also, the potential minimum (Table 3) and maximum (Table 4) revenue impacts are shown below. Table 3 assumes that the Board keeps the current rate stable, while Table 4 assumes the Board adopts the possible 15% maximum yearly fee increase capped at 100% of the listed fee amount.

Table 3

Fee Description	Number of instances	2014-15	Revenue - Minimum			
			2015-16	2016-17	2014-18	2018-19
Professional Corporations	869	0	0	0	0	0
Veterinary Exam	250	0	0	0	0	0
Practice Facility inspecion	584	29,200	29,200	29,200	29,200	29,200
License Renewal	4,200	0	0	0	0	0
Faculty Certificate	100	0	0	0	0	0
Zoo Certificate	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reinstatement	20	0	0	0	0	0
Technician Registrations	624	0	0	0	0	0
Student Intern	30	0	0	0	0	0
Student Preceptee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Late fee	100	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Permit	100	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		29,200	29,200	29,200	29,200	29,200

Table 4

Fee Description	Number of instances	2014-15	Revenue - Maximum			
			2015-16	2016-17	2014-18	2018-19
Professional Corporations	869	0	19,553	42,038	67,896	97,633
Veterinary Exam	250	0	9,375	20,156	32,555	46,813
Practice Facility inspecion	584	29,200	40,150	52,743	67,224	83,877
License Renewal	4,200	0	94,500	203,175	328,151	471,874
Faculty Certificate	100	0	2,250	4,838	7,813	11,235
Zoo Certificate	1	0	23	48	78	112
Reinstatement	20	0	300	645	1,042	1,498
Technician Registrations	624	0	4,680	10,062	16,251	23,369
Student Intern	30	0	113	242	391	562
Student Preceptee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Late fee	100	0	750	1,613	2,604	3,745
Temporary Permit	100	0	2,250	4,838	7,813	11,235
TOTAL		29,200	173,943	340,396	531,818	751,954

SOURCES OF DATA: North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

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